

QUASI-POLITICAL LUNCH HOUR

-- saturday afternoon travelogue

In east germany you get arrested for eating ice cream in your living room; in west germany you get a medal for eating ice cream in your living room. In bulgaria you get a \$50 fine for walking too fast whereas in thailand, the beautiful people there, have no speed limit whatsoever on their sidewalks. In nova scotia a person has to be mighty dumb before they can flunk outta school, in france education is penny cheap, in the northwest territories, self-government is part of the daily curriculum. And then there's scandinavia followed closely by brazil, in both countries and many more you can be terminated from a job by working too hard: so red china was born, and then the philippines and then labrador.

SPEECH GIVEN AT LUNCHTIME FOR DELEGATES TO A CONVENTION OF BUMS, HOBOES & TERMAGANTS

-- the electric logos

Poor people should not be allowed to smoke dope because their appetites increase and they can't even afford to feed themselves now. Poor people shouldn't be allowed to drink booze because their driving is impaired and insurance is so expensive already. Poor people have no business at the racetrack because the unemployment rate is too high; who wants to work when a fortune is waiting for the right person to come along. Poor people have no need of a political voice; what they have to say isn't worth listening to. I once read an article in a reputable magazine* which stated that poor people have a lot of nerve to expect any help in making ends meet, & i'm sorry to say i agree. Poor people have no rights because they don't own much property and their mortgage rates have tripled (five times) in the last four months. & because poor people don't have a sense of humor, they can't be trusted with large sums of money. (And their table manners are atrocious.) Poor people remain poor because they have learned that "money is the root of all evil"** and if they want to be happy they can't have both.

* Titmouse Review.

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